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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR , DEL OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 28

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AO, US

SUBJECT: ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST THAT
AMBASSADOR MEET WITH HIM

REF: WARSAW 3008 (NOTAL)

1. IF ANGOLANS AGAIN REQUEST THAT YOU MEET WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER JORGE, YOU SHOULD AGREE TO A MEETING AT A
MUTUALLY CONVENIENT LOCATION. IF ANGOLANS DO NOT CALL
BACK, YOU SHOULD RETURN THEIR CALL AND AGREE TO MEETING.

2. YOU SHOULD SIMPLY LISTEN CAREFULLY TO JORGE'S
PRESENTATION AND SAY YOU WILL REPORT TO WASHINGTON. YOU

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CAN PARRY ANY QUESTIONS BY PLEADING IGNORANCE AND SUGGESTING
THAT ANGOLANS DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH NIGERIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER GARBA, WHO WILL SEE THEM IN LUANDA LATER THIS
WEEK. FYI WE WISH TO KEEP THE FOCUS OF MEDIATION ON THE
NIGERIAN EFFORT, AND IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT, AND DO NOT
THEREFORE WISH TO GET INTO ANY DISCUSSION OF THE
CONDITIONS OF PEACE BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE.

3. WE HAVE BEEN HAVING QUIET CONTACTS WITH ANGOLANS IN
VARIOUS VENUES FOR PAST THREE MONTHS. AT OUTSET, WE
RESPONDED TO AN ANGOLAN INITIATIVE AND BEGAN MOVING

SLOWLY TOWARDS OPENING TALKS ON WAYS TO NORMALIZE OUR
RELATIONS. MARCH 8 INVASION OF ZAIRE BY ANGOLAN-BASED
FORCES INTERFERED WITH THIS PROCESS, HOWEVER. ON
MARCH 21 WE AUTHORIZED NIGERIANS WHO UNDERTAKING
MEDIATION EFFORT BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA, TO CONVEY
TO PRESIDENT NETO OUR CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO OPEN
TALKS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS PROVIDED THERE WAS PROGRESS
WITH RESPECT TO NEW PROBLEM INVOLVING ZAIRE. WE
UNDERSTAND NIGERIANS CONVEYED THIS MESSAGE TO NETO ON
MARCH 31; WE REINFORCED IT BY CONVEYING IT TO NETO'S
AMBASSADOR TO UN FIGUEIREDO IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 25 AND 26.
FIGUEIREDO SAID HE WOULD COMMUNICATE MESSAGE TO NETO
IMMEDIATELY. ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER MAY NOW WISH
TO CONVEY NETO'S REPLY TO YOU. END FYI
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